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All County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)/
Targeted Case Management (TCM) Coordinators and
Advisory Committee Members

LEAD RELATED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this directive is to provide clarification to all Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs) with the Department of Health Services' (DHS) policy regarding *lead-related* case management services and administrative activities.

In Program Letter No. 96-01, dated July 12, 1996, and Program Letter No. 97-04, dated March 5, 1997, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB) program advised LGAs that a new reimbursement system was being implemented whereby Medi-Cal funding would be available for *lead-related* case management services and administrative activities provided to Medi-Cal eligible children with elevated blood levels. Program Letters No. 96-01 and No. 97-04 also stated that "TCM and MAA are not to be used to obtain reimbursement for *lead-related* services and activities." Consequently, all *lead-related* case management services and administrative activities for Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries must be invoiced and reimbursed through the CLPPB Medi-Cal Lead Program using an appropriate Medi-Cal Lead Program time survey methodology.

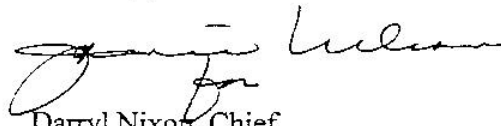
In those instances where LGAs may employ a individual who performs case management services and/or administrative activities under the TCM/MAA programs, as well as the CLPPB Medi-Cal Lead Program, LGAs are hereby instructed to time survey the *lead-related* case management services and administrative activities to "Other Programs/Activities." Thus reclassifying *lead-related* case management costs out of aggregate TCM costs through the time survey reclassification, and for MAA, the *lead-related* administrative activities out of the MAA costs through the allocation of the time survey percentages on the MAA invoice.

Pursuant with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 74.53 and the Office of Management and Budgets (OMB) Circular A-87, which is incorporated into federal Medicaid regulations at 45 CFR 74.171, DHS is prohibited from issuing duplicate payments. Therefore, given the above CLPPB reimbursement policy, LGAs who choose not to participate in and claim through the CLPPB program for *lead-related* case management and administrative activities shall be ineligible to seek alternative reimbursement through the TCM and MAA programs.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the ACU analyst assigned to your LGA.

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